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SUBJECT: LAW ENFORCEMENT SITREP ONE MOTHERSHIP OPS FORT
PIERCE FL

FOLLOWING REPEAT CCGDSEVEN MIAMI FL 262101Z MAR 78, SENT
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LAW ENFORCMENT-SITREP ONE MOTHERSHIP OPS FORT PIERCE FL

1. SITUATION

A. EARLY AM THIS DATE FMP SEIZED THREE VESSELS IN THE FORT
PIERCE AREA LADEN WITH MARIJUANA. TWO 21 FOOT NET BOATS WERE
FOUND ABANDONED WHILE A 26 FOOT ORLANDO CLIPPER WAS SEIZED AND
THREE PERSONS ARRESTED. THESE SEIZURES NETTED 9,700 LBS OF
MARIJUANA AND PROMPTED DEA TO LAUNCH AN ACFT TO INVESTIGATE
POSSIBLE MOTHERSHIP OPS. THE PANAMANIAN M/V LYNIV IV WAS OBSERVED
ANCHORED 21.5 MILES EAST OF ST LUCIE INLET AT 0700R. AT 0710R BALES
OF MARIJUANA WERE DISCOVERED FLOATING IN ST LUCIE INLET.

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B. DESC: 110 FT GREY HULL WITH WHITE S/S AFT, NAME AND H.P.
ON STERN

2. ACTTION

A. 0715R 41341 (STA FT PIERCE) DISPATCHED TO INVESTIGATE
MOTHERSHIP.

B. 1100R 41341 HAILED M/V LYNIV IV AS TO WHERE FROM AND WHERE
BOUND. THEIR RESPONSE WAS THAT NO ONE ON BOARD SPOKE ENGLISH.

A SHERIFF'S DEPUTY ABOARD 41341 ASKED IN SPANISH WHERE THEIR CAPTAIN WAS. THEY ANSWERED THAT THE CAPTAIN AND THREE CREWMEMBERS WENT ASHORE AND THEY POINTED TOWARD ST LUCIE INLET.

C. 1235R CAPE FOX DISPATCHED TO ASSIST WITH SURVEILLANCE.

D. 1238R DIVERTED POINT ROBERTS FROM SURLEPAT TO RELIEVE CAPE FOX ETA 2230R.

3. FUTURE PLANS

A. REQUEST STATEMENT OF NO OBJECTION TO BOARD M/V LYNIV IV BASED ON CAPTAIN AND THREE CREWMEMBERS ASHORE (US) WHICH HAS BEEN A SCENARIO OF PAST DRUG CASES, AND BASED ON SEIZURES IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA THIS AM ALONG WITH THE FACT THAT 100 BALES OF MARIJUANA WERE RECOVERED FROM ST LUCIE INLET. UNQUOTE. COOPER

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